

## Two Towns – One Book Celebrating our Eleventh Community Read

### 2023 Community Activities

#### *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles



In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew.

But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm—the wily, charismatic Duchess and earnest, offbeat Woolly—have stowed away in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction to the city of New York.

Spanning ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles' third novel is a multilayered tale of misadventure and self-discovery, populated by an eclectic cast of characters, from drifters who make their home riding the rails and larger-than-life vaudevillians to the aristocrats of the Upper East Side. An absorbing, exhilarating ride, *The Lincoln Highway* is a novel as vivid, sweeping, and moving as readers have come to expect from Towles' work.

"Our goal is to bring people in our community together through the shared reading and discussion of a common book. Our choices inspire rich discussion and community activities and encourage young readers to participate through companion books and related activities."

**\*\*\*KICK OFF \*\*\* Sunday, January 22, at 2:00pm, Library Program Rooms**

**Jerry Peppers, Director and Life Member of the Lincoln Highway Association**

"The Lincoln Highway brought together the 'Main Street Across America' and the nation's most famous intersection—Broadway and 42nd Street, the eastern terminus of the Lincoln Highway, where it serves as a reminder to millions of New Yorkers and visitors from all across the globe, of our nation's history and New York City's connection with the rest of the country's early highways." Our Kick-Off presenter, Jerry Peppers, has spent much time exploring America by car, especially the Lincoln Highway. But no matter where he has traveled, it is not ultimately about the roads, buildings, history or scenery, it is always about the people! Jerry has many stories to tell and a wealth of information to share. Don't miss his presentation about his adventures on a great American highway!



**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Lincoln Highway Trivia Night at the Library.**

Join our two Assistant Directors, Jim Foster and LouAnn Stewart, and enjoy a night of fun playing LH Trivia. There will be refreshments and prizes for the winners.

## Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm, LH Night at the Movies

Find out more about the Lincoln Highway while enjoying "100 Years on the Lincoln Highway", a film produced by PBS. Popcorn! Bottled water.



## Sunday, April 16, at 12:30pm, A Luncheon at the Halfmoon Senior Center - Fettuccini Mio Amore - Michael Hinrichs, Executive Chef at The Sagamore Resort, Lake George, NY

In our Book of the Year, *The Lincoln Highway*, the characters share a delicious meal together. The author, Amor Towles, provides a recipe for the pasta creation (dedicated to a childhood friend) on his website. Chef Michael will create that meal, adding his creative skills and expertise to make something we'll all enjoy. The luncheon will include salad, Italian bread, the main course, Fettucine Mio Amore, special desserts prepared by our FOL Hospitality Committee, and coffee. Reservations will be required. Look for registration information soon.

## Two Bus Trips: A Trip to NYC to Explore Historic Sights and Lunch at the Algonquin and A Trip to Raquette Lake: Looking Back at the Gilded Age. Both trips will be led by Rhona Koretzky Forman.

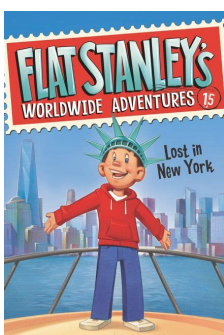
There will be not one but TWO trips focusing on different aspects of *The Lincoln Highway* and going to



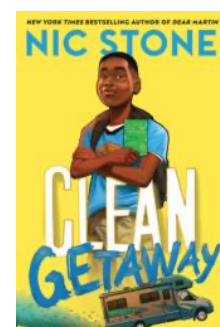
different regions of our state. Look for details about an opportunity to follow the beginning of the Lincoln Highway on foot along 42nd Street in New York City. Also look for details about a visit to the Adirondacks looking back at the Gilded Age and the great camps.



## Kids Read, Too Program



The Kids Read, Too! sub-committee has planned a project for our Clifton Park and Halfmoon families. We encourage families to read *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown and decorate and cut out Flat Stanley from a handout copy or visit Two Towns One book online to print out the form. Take Flat Stanley around town. Visit parks, go on adventures near and far, and then submit a photo of you and Flat Stanley to [kidsread2022@gmail.com](mailto:kidsread2022@gmail.com) and be entered into a lottery for kids' books related to travel. More information to follow. Our book for older children is *The Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone. Check out reading resources for kids on our website.



Thank You TTOB Community Partners: Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, Town of Clifton Park, Town of Halfmoon, Shenendehowa Central Schools, Halfmoon Senior Center, Clifton Park Senior Center, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services and Southern Saratoga YMCA .

**Thank You, Town of Clifton Park, Town of Halfmoon and  
Stewarts Holiday Match Program for Your Generous Contributions!**

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